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"LIVING MADONNAS IN ART," part of the Chapel Twilight Hour.



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## Twenty Howard Students Receive Who's Who Honors

The 1941-42 electees for inclusion in Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges was announced recently by the National Committee. The Howard Students are: Greta H. Balfour, Richard A. Bancroft, Ada E. Bough, John L. Dennis, Selina L. Edwards, Shelton B. Granger, Thomas J. Gunn, Thomas D. Hill, Jr., Lester G. Houston, Andrew J. Howard, June McCehen, William T. Patrick, Jr., Gladys W. Powell, R. Douglas Ralford, George P. Smith, Catherine L. Swanson, Edward I. Thompson, Hermania G. Walker, Rose A. West, twenty in all.

The committee also explained that the purpose of Who's Who is to serve:

—as an incentive for students to get most out of their college careers.

—as a means of compensation to students for what they have already done.

—as a standard of measurement for students comparable to such agencies as Phi Beta Kappa and the Rhodes Scholarship Award.

—as a recommendation to the business world.

The Committee emphasized that this honor is the only National Means of Recognition for Honor Students devoid of initiation fees and dues.

Their information guide reveals that "the selection of these students is made in several different ways on the various campuses. Some schools have Who's Who Among Students committees; composed of members of the faculty and student body. In most schools the president of the college, the dean or registrar acts as chairman of a blind committee. Several

## Medics Prepare For Defense

"The Role of the Medical Student in the Occurring Crisis" will be an important item of discussion engaged in by the Howard delegates to the Associated Medical Student Conference being held December 27-29, in Chicago.

Howard delegates are: Milton Quander, chairman of delegates; Andre Tweed, Frank Johnson, and Vernal Cave.

Prominent medicos from the army and naval medical departments will be among the speakers. Morris Fishbein, executive chairman of the American Medical Association, will also be among the speakers.

## Two Students Garner Kappa Cup

Sons of two former Howard men gained the highest scholastic honors of the class of '44. Harry Clay Lynch and Alvin Jerome Thompson were these winners of the 1941 Kappa Cup for the highest average in the Freshman Class.

Harry is a pre-med student and hails from the city of Washington, Dunbar Senior High School. His grade point average for 1940-41 was 3.0.

Likewise, Alvin finished Dunbar in 1940. He has maintained a 3.0 average since coming to Howard.

Victor Thompson, Jr., Alvin's brother, and William F. Hall, were runners up, both maintaining an enviable scholastic record.

Nine Washington State College freshman students recently were awarded music scholarships after competitive try-outs.

## Political Theorists Place Sixth in National Contest

The Institute for National Policy, directed by the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, conducted an essay contest in which approximately 144 colleges and universities participated. The Institute has just announced that Howard University's team composed of Lunabelle Wedlock, a graduate student, Jane Marshall, and William Patrick, a junior, placed sixth among the 144 participating institutions.

The winners of this contest held last spring was Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.; Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., was second, and Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., was third.

## IN THE NEWS . . .

For Uncle Samuel:

Two Howardites have recently been called to give their services to Uncle Sam. They are Lester Brown of the Law School, and Howard Sweeney of the College of Liberal Arts.

To Receive Doctorate:

Mr. Eugene Holmes has completed all requirements for the Ph. D. degree from Columbia University with the exception of the publication of his thesis.

Prof. Porter Garners Award:

Mr. James A. Porter was awarded a prize of fifty dollars by the Journal of Negro-History for the best book review of the year.

## Entire Campus Community Prepares Against Air Raids

Howard University recently revealed its already operating plan for Campus-Wide Defense against Air-Raids, utilizing the service of students, faculty, administration, maintenance, and allied divisions of the community. The University Wide Committee on Education and National Defense, under the secretary, was far into its session periods when the

suddenness and gastardliness of the "yellow plague's" attack, electrified the Capital into immediate action—and found this body of faculty, administration and four student representatives prepared for action.

More and more students are urged to volunteer for their Alma Mater's defense against pestilence from the air. Fire prevention, police protection, first aid facilities, and incendiary bomb fighting will be covered.

Through the treasurer's office the University Air Raid Warden is Edward S. Hope. The Deputy Chief Air Raid Wardens are: (1) Julian Cook, police; (2) Eugene H. Gough, fire protection; (3) Curtis Elliott, maintenance; (4) Paul B. Connelly, first aid; (5) R. W. Ming, education and morale; (6) Miss Henrietta Thayer, emergency feeding; (7) Andrew Howard, personnel enlistment; (8) Otto McClarrin, communications; (9) emergency housing.

### Campus in Sectors

The Senior Air Raid Wardens are designated for the various sectors as: Section I, Men's Dormitory, Thomas E. Hawkins; Section II, Douglass Hall, F. D. Wilkinson; Section III, Miner Hall, Dean West; Section IV, Power Plant, Mr. George L. Minor; Section V, Founders Library, Walter G. Daniel; Section VI, Women's Dormitories, Dean Elliott; Section VII, Medical, Dean Lawlah. The Air Raid Wardens are: Section I, Schuyler Eldridge, Clarke Hall; Mrs. E. G. Gough, Cook Hall; Section II, Mrs. Nelsena B. Scott, Douglass Hall; Miss D. Edwards, Mr. Louia V. Jpnes, Count deVermond, Dr. S. W. Nelson, School of Religion; Section III, Mr. H. Neals, Miner Dormitory; Mr. A. Mercer Daniel, Law School; Lt. Col. L. Zuppann, Spaulding Hall; Dean L. K. Downing, School of Engineering and Architecture.

Section IV, Mr. George L. Minor; Section V, President Johnson

## President Johnson Speaks on Religion

Tuesday night, December 2nd at 10:00 P.M., there was a discussion held in the meditation room of Cook Hall as one of the Annual Religious Emphasis Series sponsored by the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. The discussion speaker was President Mordecai W. Johnson. His subject was, Religion and Human Relations. He spoke from a modern point of view comparing the relations of people to religion in foreign countries which have a Communistic and Fascistic form of government. "Religion in those countries is hindered by the government because they want the people to be subordinate only to the government." President Johnson compared the governments of these countries to the government of our own United States.

"In India where most of the people are very religious they tend to be anti-socialistic, that is, they test themselves to prove whether or not they can live without society or not. The socialists on the other hand try to help society instead of testing themselves to find out whether or not they can live without society." Concerning the problems of socialists President Johnson cited as an example, Owen. If all great men were like Owen we would have an ideal society and, ultimately, peace the world over.

In conclusion, President Johnson added, "Religion is the most powerful and significant instrument of revolution in the world."

House, Mordecai, Jr.; Lawrence Hill, Library; Jos. H. Reason, Mrs. Dorothy Porter, Chapel; Dr. Thurman, Chemistry; Dr. Shereshefsky, Science Hall, Dr. Chas. S. Parker; Section VI, Frazier Hall, Truth Hall, Crandall Hall, Store Room, George Thomas.

Section VII, Night Organization, same as day except, South Zone, Dean L. K. Downing, Senior Warden, North Zone, Mr. Thomas E. Hawkins, Senior Warden.

## The Season's Greetings



## Dr. Locke Among Publishers Reviving Anti-Slavery Classic

Republication of the famous anti-slavery story "The Kidnapped and the Ransomed", by Kate E. R. Pickard, was announced recently by Angelo Herndon, secretary of the Negro Publication Society, New York, N.Y., which is bringing the book out.

The book, first published in 1856, tells the story of the kidnapping and enslavement for forty years of Peter Still and his family. It is the first of a series devoted to Negro life, past and present, to be published by the publication society. The publishing firm is an incorporated, non-profit-making, membership organization with offices at 1 West 125th Street, New York City. It publishes a Quarterly Review and books of a literary, scientific, educational and popular nature dealing with the life and history of the Negro in America and elsewhere. Noted Negro and white artists, authors and scholars are on the Society's board of directors. They include:

Alain Locke, literary critic, au-

thor, and professor at Howard University; Henrietta Buckmaster, author of "Let My People Go"; L. D. Reddick, Negro writer and Curator of the Schomburg Collection of Literature, New York Public Library; Herbert Aptheker, teacher, historian, author of recent pamphlets on Negro slave revolts; Arthur Huff Fauset, principal of Frederick Douglass High School, Philadelphia; Angelo Herndon, author of "Let Me Live" and secretary of the Society; Dorothy Brewster, literary critic, instructor at Columbia University; Jean Muir, actress, and Dashiell Hammett, Bernhard J. Stern, Theodore Dreiser, Margaret Osborn, Rockwell Kent, and others.

## Men's Glee Club Lists Itinerary

Due to the illness of Professor Tibbs, Mr. William Goodwin, a graduate of Howard's School of Music and a former member of the Eva Jessye Choir, has been directing the Men's Glee Club in its rehearsals for the Christmas musical program.

The Publicity Director of the organization announced that an extensive tour has been planned and will be made in the very near future. The tentative itinerary includes New York, New Jersey, and several southern states. There is also a possibility that the tour will include South America. (The war situation alters this possibility.)

The Men's Glee Club has been quite active of late. On November 16th along with the Women's

Glee Club, they sang several spirituals on the Twilight Program held in Rankin Chapel. On November 4th they also participated in the Fight For Freedom Program, held at the Uline Arena, along with several nationally known celebrities. Recently they also appeared on a program held at the First Congregational Church in observation of our Alma Mater, of which Ernest Wilson, Glee Club president, reported as a successful evening.

## Art Gallery Moves to Library

A reception and special exhibition of religious prints, marked the official opening of the new Howard University Gallery of Art, in Founders Library, November 20. This event was held in connection with the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convocation of the School of Religion. Also on view was a larger exhibition of oil paintings by outstanding Washington artists, including work by three members of the university art faculty: Miss Lois Jones, instructor in design, Mr. James Wells, instructor in the graphic arts, and Prof. James A. Porter, professor of painting. The exhibit showed a diversity of techniques and subject matter. Most of the paintings were executed with a feeling and manner that made them comprehensible. The paintings of James A. Porter, Lois Jones, James

Wells, Hilda Brown, Nicolai Cikovsky and Jack Berkman, were most appealing to the eight hundred guests.

This exhibit marked the second step in the life history of the Howard University Gallery of Art, which now approaches its twelfth year. The new locality in Founders Library provides a much more impressive setting for the university art exhibits and has a greater accessibility.

Mr. Alonzo Aden, curator of the gallery, assembled the exhibits.

## Auction Given by Daubers

By HERMANIA WALKER

The Daubers Art Club presented an exhibition of student work, and Art Auction, in the university art department, third floor of Thirkield Hall, Wednesday afternoon, December 10, from one o'clock until five o'clock.

This traditional activity of the Daubers Club was scheduled for December so that students might be able to purchase art work which can be used as excellent Christmas gifts. The works included a variety of techniques and subject matter—something that appeared to the artistic taste of everyone. Water colors, oil paintings, nude studies, cartoons, pastels, black and white drawings, and ceramics were auctioned. A limited number of drawings and paintings by Miss Lois Jones and Mr. James L. Wells, instructors in the department; and Prof. James A. Porter, professor of painting, were also sold. Paintings and drawings by such well-

known art students as: Charlotte Parkus, Philip Miller, Rose Ann West, Thomas Hill, Betty Warrick, Charles Saunders, Bernice Marshall, Virginia Fleming, Kenneth Hardy, Irvin Washington, Percy Ricks, Ursula Brown, Minnie Shumate, Emma G. Martin, Dorothy Pediford, Floyd Hawkins, Joseph Dixon, Doris Auter, Luella Whittaker, Sara Edwards, and Etta Lee, were in great demand.

Mr. Thomas Gunn, a former art major, repeated his performance and success of 1940, as auctioneer. Miss Betty Warrick and Mr. Thomas Hill were assistant auctioneers.

## Hilltop Surveys Local Airport

Last week, five members of the Hilltop Staff experienced a practical example of the modern convenience that is the airplane. We went flying.

Under the guidance of Mr. John R. Pinkett, who holds a certificate from the Civil Aeronautics Administration as an instructor in Civil Air Regulations, we toured the flying field used by the Howard C. P. T. pilots. Connected with the university as an instructor, Mr. Pinkett enlightened us on the activities of the groups, and then took us up one by one into the clear hovering blue, astride the twenty-century pony known as a Cub Ship.

These modern adventurers undergoing what, to most, was their first flying experience, were: Gertrude Missouri, Mary Wormley, Victor and Alvin Thompson, and the editor.

Howard students are being urged by these flying instructors to acquaint themselves with the field, the joys and practicalness of flying. To that effect, they are undergoing plans with the university to give a large social reception to introduce the campus community to their activities.

And—for a limited few, these authorities express their cooperation through the Hilltop Project Committee, of free rides. Apply at the Hilltop for inclusion in the next group to go flying.

As for the C. P. T. flying it is given by this Cloud Club, Incorporated, at the field, Riverside Flying Field, located on the Patuxent River, near Upper Marlboro, Maryland, which is approximately twenty-seven miles from Howard University.

Flight instructor John Frader, Jr., is another of the competent instructors of the flying program.

## Religious Emphasis Week Held

On Wednesday, December 3, 1941, at 7:00 P.M., a discussion was held in the Fellowship Room. The leaders were: Greta Balfour, Schuyler Eldridge, and Raymond Harvey. The subject: "The Religious Significance of Student Fellowship." At 10:00 P.M., same date, Dr. Howard Thurman led a discussion in Clarke Hall. The subject was "The Illusions of Professionalism." On Thursday, December 4, 1941—Day of Prayer for Colleges—Dr. Howard Thurman spoke at the All University Assembly on the subject: "Religion and Human Relations." Music was furnished by the University Choir.

Sunday, December 7, 1941—The Worship Through Art Series presented "Living Madonnas" in Rankin Memorial Chapel. There were two performances at 5:00 and 7:00 o'clock, respectively. On Monday, December 8, 1941, at 7:30 P.M., the Chapel Players presented two plays—"Dust of the Road," by Goodman, and "The One Gift" by Mail.

"Religion and Human Relations" was the subject of the Annual Religious Emphasis Series which the Chapel presented from December 1 to 8, 1941.

On Monday, December 1, 1941, Mr. T. Earl Hawkins led a discussion in Truth Hall on the subject of "Religion and Student Living." On that same date at 7:00 P.M., in Frazier Hall, Dr. Marian T. Wright led a discussion on the same subject. On Tuesday, December 2, 1941, at 11:00 A.M., Mr. F. D. Wilkinson, Registrar, was the speaker. His subject of discussion was "The Necessity for an Adequate Philosophy of Life."

## Nineteenth Annual Women's Dinner Held

Friday, November 7, was a memorable night for Howard women, students and graduates alike. It was the occasion of the Nineteenth Annual Women's Dinner sponsored by the

Women's League, with Mrs. Anne Arnold Hedgeman, Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn, New York, Y.W.C.A., as guest speaker.

The general theme of Mrs. Hedgeman's address was the deplorable attitude of the privileged class of Negro America toward their fellows who have had little education and less opportunity. She laid the situation directly at our feet, having as we do, every advantage in one of the most beautiful and well-equipped universities in the country. The point that struck closest home was her criticism of the "Hilltop" for using two columns on the need for increased school spirit. The implication was that we should be so thankful for the blessing of being able to attend a college such as Howard, that school spirit should be the very last thing we would have to make an effort to attain. Another salient point was her statement that we are living on perhaps borrowed time in a world crumbling all about as members of a race which is as she says, "ripe for Fascism."

The guest soloist was Miss June McMechen, a capable senior in the School of Music. An added feature of the program was the singing of three selections by women of the freshman class, winners in the Illumination Night competitive singing.

The most impressive part of the program was the lighting of candles in the memory of Lucy D. Slowe and Juliette Derriotte with Professor Louia Vaughn Jones

playing the violin in the background.

The executive committee for the dinner was headed by Gladys Powell, chairman; Louise M. Latham, official chairman; Catherine Swanson, president of the Women's League; and Susie A. Elliott, Dean of Women.

## Women's League Posts Calendar

With the conclusion of the nineteenth annual Women's dinner, the League proceeded with its Thanksgiving projects which consists of a Worship Service in the chapel, and the contributing of food and clothing to the Southeast Settlement House.

The next program of the League was on Monday, December 1, at 7 o'clock P.M. in the Recreation hall of Crandall Hall at which time the room was rededicated. The Women's League is seeking to refurbish this room in order that the young women of the campus may have a place in which to pass away their leisure time in more wholesome activities.

The final project of the year will be the Annual Christmas Candlelight Service which will be held on December 14th or 20th in the Andrew Rankin Chapel. The young women of the campus are urged to give their support in helping to make these projects a success.

## CAMPUS CANDIDS

Life Between Classes

One thing the approaching holidays will affect is the withdrawing from circulation of certain members of the campus community. Happily it'll be, too, if you get what I mean . . . that is, from one kind of social circulation into another, permanent bindings or pending ones . . . said with rings . . . all is reported on our authentic G-Vine Telepathy System.

Well, anyway, "Us'ns" of the College of Liberal Life Scribblers have hung up our stockings by the chimney (the radiator, if you please) but aren't worried about the holes in the toes, 'cause we found out that Santa won't leave us any gifts after all. Anyway, stew-dents, let's palaver a leetle on the intellectualism of life between classes.

And . . . the next subject, the brief one of social proclivity between classes:

Since "Lope" came back, Leñora has removed that far-away look in her eyes. But . . . tsk . . . he had to go again . . . We're still insisting that certain young ladies will not be without their personal wardens in the event of an air raid alarm . . . Don't you think so Cortlandt?, Tony???

Followers of the chief indoor winter sport (the public type, you wise boids)—basketball, are already enveloped in the fervor of many thrills to come as the Bison quintet gets under way preparing its schedule. The townspeople, too, join the social rush on the sidelines as the Arena starts its Sunday oblong meets. The season is on!!

This column extends heartiest Congrats to Coralessa Hall, '41; she married her Robert Taylor.

It's quite a fact that the ratio of men to women is something like one to eight. But what can you make of a situation where one certain "femme" breaks that ratio by being one corner of a four-corner set-up? Maybe that's it. A pugilist's court—Omohandra, Ernie, and Dennis to decide on their Angelic vision.

Incidentally, our Snooping Department, out for a groovy eve's prowling, came across the questionable item of Andy and Pat. V. (via the G-Vine Teletype) . . . When Connie's sister came down this way, 'twasn't long before that student major was a-seen with her. Many a fellow would like to have a-been in his shoes. Maybe Paul was . . . Says he, "Your eyes strike me cool."

Confidentially, Helen Branker has really set the boys' hearts on fire. QUESTIONS IN OUR MAILBOX: Is it true, Togo, that the mice will play while the cat's away? . . . Sergil, is Camille Lewis your public passion? . . . How long will Joe feature "Ick" Hawkins?

Meanwhile, in the peace and quiet after confusion, it seems that Nadine has settled down with Mrs. Allen's boy, Tom . . . G-Vine note: Rene Canagota says Charles is still her listener to "This Love of Mine" . . . Doris West and Bill Syphax, a twosome . . . By the way, Perry has gone to render service to "The Great White Father." (Favorite expression of a former West(ern) fan.)

Protection from invasion via air is the order of the day and no less vigilant are the "wardens" of . . . nuff said. But all hawks aren't spelt with a V.

Now us'ns feel much better after releasing that awful repression! Howsome-ever that be, life will be mostly between classes for quite a time as the holidays go into a long stretch. Us'uns hope for everyone a meery yuletide, a better new year here and at your other home.





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## The Season's

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In this year of Howard's 75th anniversary, the sweet mystery attributed to life is overshadowed this day, this eye, with the threatening but unwanted pall of conflict. In the midst of broadening experiences, youth, and age too, gropes, wonders, and acts with uncertainty towards the repetitions of history. Yet, here in a great institution, as in many temples across the world, new history, progress,

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"MADONNA AND SAINTS"

Photographic representation of Giovanni Bellini's masterpiece which was the climaxing presentation of the "Living Madonnas in Art and Ave Marias in Music" program, December 7. This was part of the Twilight Hours sponsored by the Chapel in cooperation with many departments of the University Community. Pictured are students Shelton Granger, Hermania Walker, Grace Thompson, Holloway Hall, Helen Green and Seymore Hurdley.

## Best Wishes

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development, culture, are being achieved by those who apply to their task and go further to create, and enlarge upon their experiences. Despite the conflict of holiday and war, this picture section is dedicated to the dynamic energy within that makes these people, herein pictured, *more*—a dedication to that end result—school spirit.

In spite of war, there will be some seasonal joy!

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## ART GALLERY MOVES

Approaching its twelfth year of existence, the Howard University Gallery of Art recently was moved to its new location in Found-

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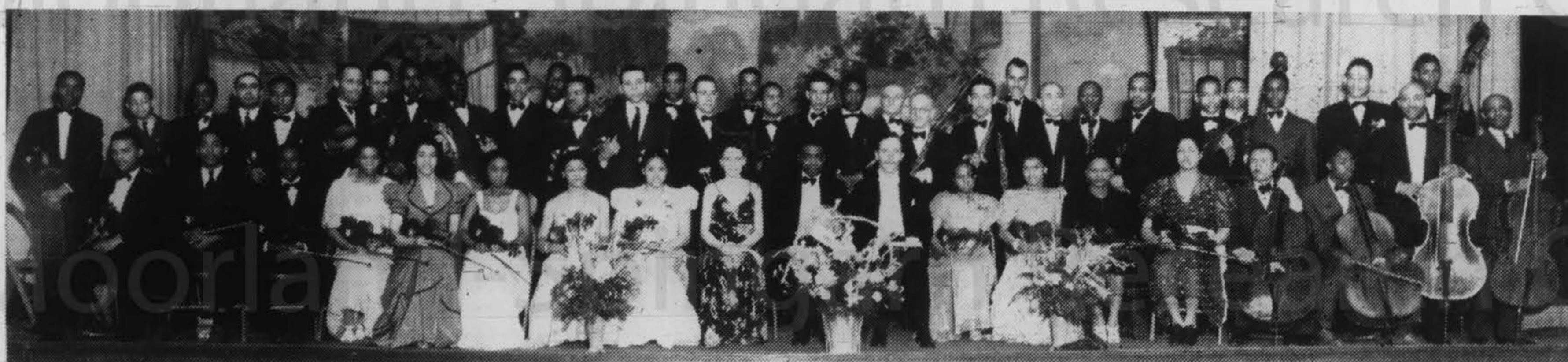


## TO NEW LOCATION

ers-Library. It is now of greater accessibility to the community and has a more impressive setting for its exhibits.

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## Off the Editor's Ribbon

### The Annual "Classic"

On Turkey Day the Howard football Bisons journeyed to Philadelphia for the annual Classic with Lincoln. The many of you loyal Howardites who were able to attend, unhappily witnessed the repeated slaughtering of our valiants.

The opposition not only had turkey for dinner but gobbled up Bison meat. Most depressing about it all is that it was burnt meat, tinged with lack of material, and poor student, faculty, administration and alumni support. Are they to blame? Any one of them, more than the other? One of the head chefs, Coach Rowland, surely isn't.

They wanted this occasion but not with that result—democratically, the carving must be equal-like. But they were there by the thousands, listlessly observing, making the lone pep antics of the unheeded cheerleaders seem ridiculous. They were there bedecked in all the trimmings that go with a Turkey day, huge furs, possessed and borrowed.

Classic glamour but no classic, hungry Howardites fattened through hope for the kill. Even the occasion did not warrant Philadelphia's giving it the respect of one single formal social celebration, and didn't the affair warrant a better demonstration?

This tragic representation of a classic is more unnecessary because such a one-sided feast can be avoided! Let it be made possible that our team can use the same methods of building gridiron strength that the other conference teams use. This issue, so long contested, so still unsolved, only needs the support of these same students, faculty, administration, and alumni to decide whether they want a classic or not. Surely the pretentious Shibe Field day will not remain typical? Loyal, interested alumni, dismayed students have voiced an emphatic "no" to the question.

The farce must be discontinued. Comedy and tragedy must not be the dominant extremes if Colored America is to look at this as our Classic. It insults most of us to be served burnt meat on a pretentious, cracked platter, and more so if we pay for it.

## Important Announcements

### Bison Year Book

Organizations, university departments, etc., desiring pages in the developing "Bison" year-book, have been requested to submit their names to the Editor or the President of the Senior Class, before January 16th.

### Your Christmas Cards

It has been brought to our attention that students seem to believe in the proverbial "It is better to give than to receive," when it comes to sending Christmas cards. However, several professors express that it would be no end of satisfaction to them if students would enclose their own addresses with the cards.

### University Assembly

The chapel programs on Tuesday mornings are not only for the benefit of freshmen but upperclassmen as well, the Chapel Committee announced recently. It is the University Assembly, not just "Freshman Assembly."

## TRAVELERS

CONFERENCES, etc.

### Five Students Visit Vassar

Five students of Howard visited Vassar College, one of the leading schools for women in the United States, during the week-end of November 22-24, as guests of the Vassar Students' Association and the school at large. This was a return visit for the week-end spent at Howard by Mrs. Florence Lovell, Associate Professor of religion, and five Vassar students last spring.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Thurman accompanied the girls there, and Dr. Thurman was guest speaker in the chapel Sunday evening. He is an old friend of Vassar, and it was largely through his efforts that the exchange visit between Howard and Vassar was first arranged.

The program for the week-end included dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Victor Brown, the minister of the chapel and his wife, and a tea Sunday afternoon at the home of president and Mrs. McCracken. The rest of the time was spent touring the campus, getting acquainted with the students, and on Monday morning, visiting classes.

The students chosen to visit Vassar were: Sybil Jones, Julia Thompson, Selina Edwards, Mary Crawley, and Gladys "Jill" Powell. These students felt very lucky to have the opportunity to visit Vassar, and all agreed that they spent an extremely delightful and interesting week-end.

## Student Youth Conf. Reports

The Third Annual Student Youth Conference was held at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia on November 2, 1941. The members of the Resolution Committee pledged themselves to rally support in various communities after the conference by using the methods discussed below.

Emphasis is to be placed upon the defense of Odell Waller, together with the background of sharecropper exploitations and poll tax discrimination. It was decided that this could best be accomplished through study groups, mass meetings, publicity in the press of colleges and communities and in private conversation. The members of the Committee will endeavor to procure letters, which will be sent to Governor James H. Price at Richmond, Virginia. The necessary funds for such an extensive programme will be raised by taking collections at the meetings and setting aside funds from the treasury of the organization.

Howard's delegates to the conference were: C. P. Thompson, Pauli Murray, Edgar Draper, James Wright, and Clarence Bryon.

## Interesting Facts

Students at Wayne University now enrolled in curriculums and special courses directly related to the defense effort number 1,589.

Dr. John M. Fletcher, professor emeritus of psychology at Tulane University, is directing a study of Louisiana public schools.

In answer to the question, "Do you make any of your own clothes?" 28 per cent of co-eds in a recent survey answered yes.

The tradition of Homecoming was started at the University of Illinois in May, 1910.

## The Collegiate World

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"Sleep late, and, let the Mercury Book service return your overnight reserve books to any campus library before 9 A.M."

That is the appeal being made by two enterprising Brown University students who are setting up a book-returning service—for a price, of course.

The entrepreneurs, Vincent J. Luca and William P. Saunders, figure that many students would rather pay a nickel to be sure their books are returned on time than pay the library's fine of 10 cents for every 15 minutes that a reserve book is overdue.

With an average of 450 reserve books on overnight loan during the week, at the Providence, R.I. school, Luca and Saunders can make a maximum of \$22.50 a week.

When Jessica Dragonette appeared at Kent State University (Ohio) to present a voice concert, she received a new addition to her collection of hats with meanings.

The addition was a Kent State 1945 freshman dink. Robert Byrne, president of the freshman class, presented the dink to Miss Dragonette at a press conference.

Even the best have to play second fiddle sometime. This is the story of a drum major who lost a decision to a baton.

Kenneth LeBar, freshman drum major at Kent State University, who recently won the Penn-Ohio championship for outstanding work as a drum major, knocked himself out recently with a baton while practicing. LeBar tossed the

baton into the air, but instead of catching it in his hand he stopped it with his head.

Students passing by found LeBar in a semi-conscious state and took him to the university hospital, where he quickly recovered.

Unidentified but thorough intruders in Seattle's college's 24,000-book library one night turned the volumes around on their shelves, their ends and titles to the wall.

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Plans are nearing completion for an Alpha Xmas Basket. The Campus Community will be solicited as well as the members of the organization.

In cooperation with the U.S.O. and the "Keep 'em Smiling" campaign, the chapter is formulating plans to hold a series of parties for brothers in the nearby army camps.

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## Zeta Sorority Conducts Tour

Saturday, December 6, at 1:30 P.M. saw the Freshman women of Howard University embarking on a sight-seeing tour given for them by Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

The tour took in first the Filtration plant which joins Howard Campus and continued as follows: the Government Printing Office; the City Post Office; the Union Station; Columbus Memorial; the Supreme Court; the Senate Building; the Capitol; Congressional Library; Folger Library; the National Botanical Gardens; Melon Art Gallery; Smithsonian Institute; Departments of Labor and Agriculture; the New Archives Building; Interior Department; Lincoln Memorial Monument; Pan American Building; Red Cross Building; State, War and Navy Buildings; White House; Corcoran Art Gallery; Avenue of Presidents; Legations; Meridian Park; Rock Creek Park; and Walter Reed Hospital.

The girls were given pencils and booklets, outlining the tour, as souvenirs. A variety of candy was served and songs were sung to enliven the trip.

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## Deltas to Attend Confab



These four co-eds, the delegates of Alpha Chapter of Delta Sorority, are planning to attend the National Convention in Detroit December 28th-31st. Left to right they are: Kay Lewis, Aurelia Johnson, Mary Jo. Green, and Myrtle Thorne.

## MUSIC NOTES

Mary Washington

"What are the 1941 graduates of the Howard University School of Music doing?" is a question which has frequently been asked this year. Well, the majority of them are either studying or teaching, although there is one, Clarence Jones, an organ major, who is sergeant at Camp Lee.

Lawrence Whisonant, one of the most outstanding graduates, is at present, studying voice in New York City with Harold Byrnes, former conductor of the Berlin State Opera, and Mrs. Blackburn, teacher of John C. Thomas. Mr. Byrnes was so favorably impressed with his talents that he is giving him lessons.

During the past summer, Mr. Whisonant played the leading role in Clarence Cameron White's "Ouanga." Later, he was one of the four guest soloists who appeared with the NBC orchestra, conducted by Stokowski, in Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony." Music critics from New York Times, P.M., and New York Herald-Tribune, praised his performance highly. Sometime during the latter part of December, he is scheduled to appear with Eno Rapee of Radio City Hall. So you can understand why we of the Music School are so proud of Lawrence Whisonant.

Two of the other graduates who are studying are Ruth Logan and Charlotte Wesley, the former in New York, and the latter here at Howard.

Those teaching are Zedekiah Holmes at the Christianburg Industrial Institute of Cambria, Virginia; Ellen Hammond and Elizabeth Banks in Washington, while Clarence Lauson, organist, in Warrington, Pennsylvania. Leviatha Fulcher, a favorite on this campus because of her pleasant personality and organ ability, is now organist at her Church in Norfolk, Virginia, and also has a private studio.

Therefore, you can see that the music graduates are not, as many expect, starving in attics waiting for something but are steadily and surely working toward the attaining of worthwhile goals.

## Sigma Gamma Rho Review

The initial activity of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was the participation of its pledges in the annual Homecoming parade of floats.

The next activity was a formal reception for the freshman women which was given in Frazier Hall, Sunday, November 16th. After a short yet entertaining program, refreshments were served which were enjoyed by the many guests. The table was beautifully decorated with the traditional blue and yellow colors of the sorority.

Four weeks ago he pledges of the sorority were going through the greatest tasks of their sorority life, namely, probation.

The following young ladies are now the newest additions to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority: Lorraine Anderson, Martha Bianchi, Rachelle Carroll, Mary Dougherty, Ernestine Gibson, Florence Johnson, Fredericka Lewis, Harriet Doyd, Pauline Norrell, and Jean Spinner.

The Washington Sorors and pledges were honored by the presence of several of their sisters from Baltimore who attended the initiation. The sorors of Alpha

initial one. Alpha Chapter of Zeta Beta Sorority plans to take the girls in groups of ten to any of the buildings in which they are interested.

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## Alpha Kappa Alpha Briels

On Thanksgiving morning, December 20, 1941, the sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority entertained their eleven newly-made neophytes at a breakfast in the dining room of the Hollywood Grill. A delicious breakfast was served in an atmosphere of sisterly fellowship. The new sorors are Pearl Bass, Jane Bowles, Frances Drye, Thelma Friend, Gloria Hayes, Juanita Lacey, Beatrice Martin, Juliette McCauley, Ruth Simmons, Grace Thompson, and Nerissa Whitlock.

On December 15, Alpha Chapter will sponsor a Bill of Rights Day, the activities of which will culminate in a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the lecture room of the Founder's Library. The speaker for the occasion has not yet been announced.

Phi Chapter appreciated the short visit of their out-of-town sisters and sincerely hope their next visit will be as enjoyable although longer than the last.

The Northeastern Regional was being held this year in Newport News, Virginia, November 28-29-30th. The delegates from Alpha Phi were Jeanette Hartwell and Evelyn Curby.

As a result of the initiation of these young ladies which took place Saturday, November 22, it is the opinion of the sorors that the above young women will prove to be true and worthy sorors of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

## SANTA'S

## GAB BAG

For this coming season's sake us'uns here thought our home base, the College of Liberal Life (Campus Candida) wouldn't mind if we spread out to delve deep down in Santa's bag and see what he has in store for all us' curious ones. Who does that leave out? Well, anywho, we wonder if the promising Doctor "Togo" has forgotten medicine awhile to concentrate on a certain cute little Phillyite . . . as if you didn't know who is meant! . . . Who's the pretty little freshie that's taking the men by storm? Pat Burke, of course! . . . "There's no love like an old love" sings Kay Lewis.

Our heartiest congrats to Justine McNeill. The left-hand third finger sparkler is a whopper! . . . How about a little information please: Could F. Manly possibly have crossed last year's "Baby Dumping" off her list so quickly? . . . for his frat brother, Jimmie Mitchell? . . . Incidentally, "Herr" Spaulding is coming to the campus these holidays and back in school next semester. Watch out Truth Hall!

## POSTED TO SANTA:

Is Bill Patrick really as unconcerned as he seems over the Harris-Allen romance? . . . Which one of her many suitors will Dot S. accept? . . . Is it true that Bea and Bootsey have turned intellect? Or do they import their love life? (Don't ask us how we know . . . and who would you ask anywho) . . . Has J. Parker dropped his Junior partner to pick up on his Sophomore admirer? . . . If so, she wonders why?

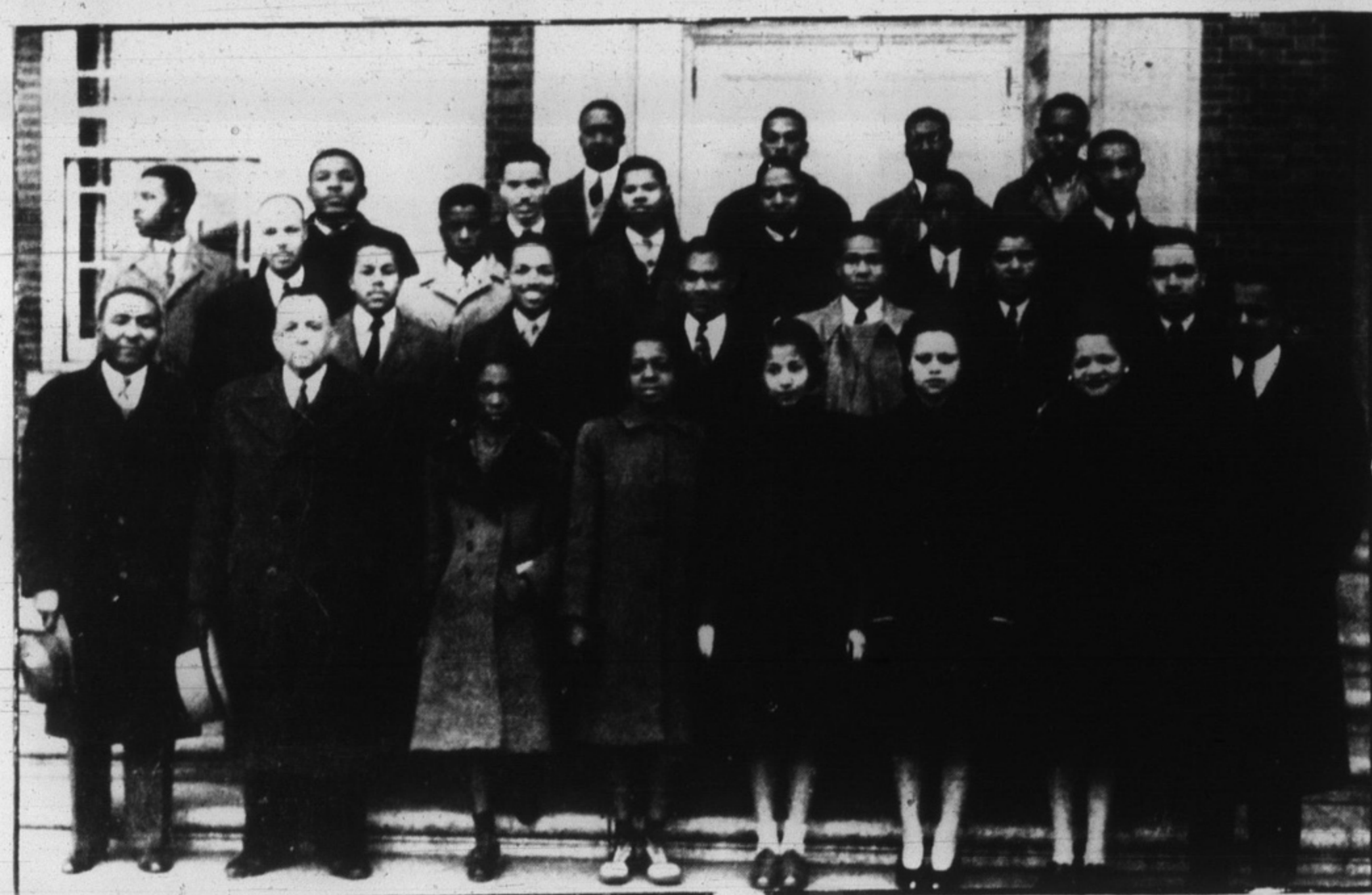
SOUND FACTS: The Worm-Waldo romance is still A-1 . . . Alluring for every occasion is Florida's prize product, Jerry Pittman . . . H. Lightfoot definitely approves of his triangle affair, or you prove me different. . . . Rudy Simmons certainly received a fine lamp and sorority paddle from down Hampton way.

THROUGH THE TELESCOPE: "Jam-up" play—Bill Davis and Aurelia Johnson . . . Jim Bowman trying not to be around that finger. . . . Royal speculating on if the whole thing wasn't a mistake. . . . Once again Senior R. is with his locked heart.

Ho hum (pardon me). It's getting late, . . . the lights are low . . . the sandwiches all gone . . . time for Santa to be on his way . . . time droops on so slowly, especially if you're near the bottom of the Gab bag and there is no more startling news . . . wait a minute, what's this last item? . . . Well, I'll be—"Ursula P. seems to be "way-back-in" again with her medicine man!!"—Goody bye now, and Merry Christmas to you!

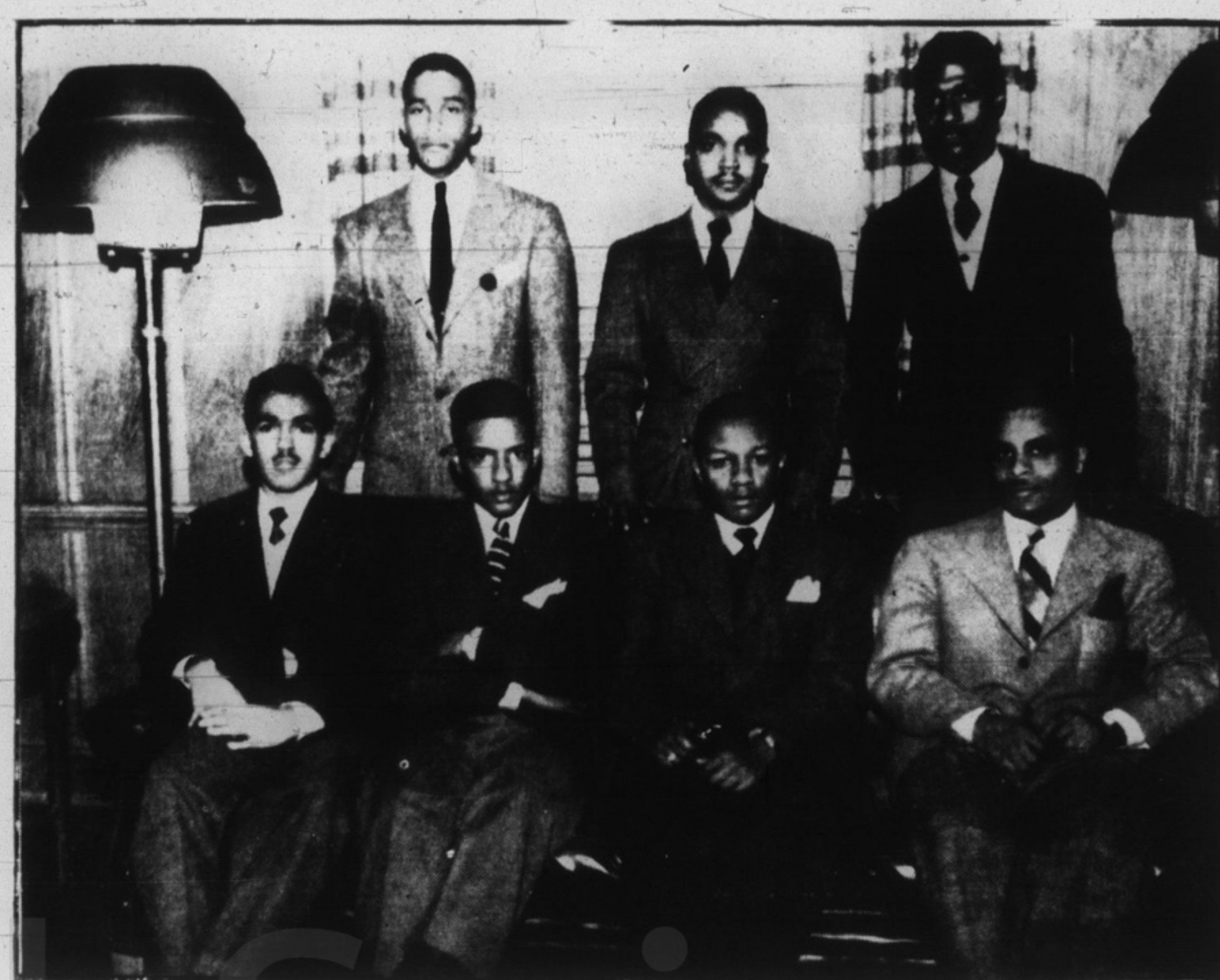


## COMMERCE CLUB



"New Frontiers in Business" is the Commerce Club's theme of 1941-42. They are rapidly progressing with Fred Wilkinson as president. The other officers are: Emory Smith, Jr., vice-president; Verdis Weaver, recording secretary; Lilla Seldott, corresponding secretary; Lewis Giles, treasurer; Robert Paul, assistant treasurer; and Kenneth Myers, sergeant-at-arms. Dean West, of Howard's Department of Commerce, has served as their advisor.

## KAPPA ALPHA PSI



Officers of Howard's chapter of Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity: Left to right, Ira Crawley, Strategus; George Smith, Vice Polemarch; Randolph Bailey, Polemarch, and Leonard Turner, Keeper of Exchequer. Standing are: Gentry North, Pledge Commissioner; Cortland Bivens, Parliamentarian, and Leon Turner, Keeper of Records.

## PICTURE

Where are they now? Pictured on the right are members of the class of Forty-two as freshmen. Some of them are here now. Where will they go from now? This picture, these people, are the crying demand for a FIFTEEN year look at our school, the admirable collection of our collective day memories, the University/Community, is called upon for the support of this movement.



## EDIT

for the rebirth of a  
necessary tradition —  
for the benefit of '45, '44,  
'43, and '42.

In a few days you will be approached for your part of this great movement. Campus-wide cooperation *will* put this treasure in your hands, in your homes for decades to come. We don't have to leave Howard. We can "bring it into our homes."

## KAPPA PLEDGEES (SCROLLERS)



NEW MEMBERS of the Kappa Alpha Psi chapter (above) are, left to right, back row: Ernest Kord, Jr., Raymond Jones, Alex Barlow, Eugene Bacon, Joseph Brook. Front row: standings, John Giles (concert alt.), Fabian Labor (acting treasurer), Earl White (VPS), and sitting, Harvey Banks (president), and Charles Foster (acting secretary). The chapter is composed of students from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

## TRAVELERS



# The Season's

In this year of Howard's 75th anniversary, the sweet mystery attributed to life overshadowed this day, this eve, with the threatening but unwanted pall of conflict. In the midst of broadening experiences, youth, and age too, gropes, wonders, and acts with uncertainty towards the repetitions of history. Yet, here in a great institution, as in many temples across the world, new history, progress,



**"MADONNA AND SAINTS"**

Photographic representation of Giovanni Bellini's masterpiece which was the climaxing presentation of the "Living Madonnas in Art and Ave Marias in Music" program, December 7. This was part of the Twilight Hours sponsored by the Chapel in cooperation with many departments of the University Community. Pictured are students Shelton Granger, Hermenia Walker, Grace Thompson, Holloway Hall, Helen Green and Seymore Hundley.

# Best Wishes

development, culture, are being achieved by those who apply to their task and go further to create, and enlarge upon their experiences. Despite the conflict of holiday and war, this picture section is dedicated to the dynamic energy within that makes these people, herin pictured, *more*—a dedication, so that end result—school spirit.

In spite of war, there will  
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Approaching its twelfth year of existence, the Howard University Gallery of Art recently was moved to its new location in Found-



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## Off the Editor's Ribbon

### The Annual "Classic"

On Turkey Day the Howard football Bisons journeyed to Philadelphia for the annual Classic with Lincoln. The many of you loyal Howardites who were able to attend, unhappily witnessed the repeated slaughtering of our valiants.

The opposition not only had turkey for dinner but gobbled up Bison meat. Most depressing about it all is that it was burnt meat, tinged with lack of material, and poor student, faculty, administration and alumni support. Are they to blame? Any one of them, more than the other? One of the head chefs, Coach Rowland, surely isn't.

They wanted this occasion but not with that result—democratically, the carving must be equal-like. But they were there by the thousands, listlessly observing, making the lone pep antics of the unheeded cheerleaders seem ridiculous. They were there bedecked in all the trimmings that go with a Turkey day, huge furs, possessed and borrowed.

Classic glamour but no classic, hungry Howardites fattened through hope for the kill. Even the occasion did not warrant Philadelphia's giving it the respect of one single formal social celebration, and didn't the affair warrant a better demonstration?

This tragic representation of a classic is more unnecessary because such a one-sided feast can be avoided! Let it be made possible that our team can use the same methods of building gridiron strength that the other conference teams use. This issue, so long contested, so still unsolved, only needs the support of these same students, faculty, administration, and alumni to decide whether they want a classic or not. Surely the pretentious Shibe Field day will not remain typical? Loyal, interested alumni, dismayed students have voiced an emphatic "no" to the question.

The farce must be discontinued. Comedy and tragedy must not be the dominant extremes if Colored America is to look at this as our Classic. It insults most of us to be served burnt meat on a pretentious, cracked platter, and more so if we pay for it.

## Important Announcements

### Bison Year Book

Organizations, university departments, etc., desiring pages in the developing "Bison" year-book, have been requested to submit their names to the Editor or the President of the Senior Class, before January 16th.

### Your Christmas Cards

It has been brought to our attention that students seem to believe in the proverbial "It is better to give than to receive," when it comes to sending Christmas cards. However, several professors express that it would be no end of satisfaction to them if students would enclose their own addresses with the cards.

### University Assembly

The chapel programs on Tuesday mornings are not only for the benefit of freshmen but upperclassmen as well, the Chapel Committee announced recently. It is the University Assembly, not just "Freshman Assembly."

## TRAVELERS CONFERENCES, etc.

### Five Students Visit Vassar

Five students of Howard visited Vassar College, one of the leading schools for women in the United States, during the week-end of November 22-24, as guests of the Vassar Students' Association and the school at large. This was a return visit for the week-end spent at Howard by Mrs. Florence Lovell, Associate Professor of religion, and five Vassar students last spring.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Thurman accompanied the girls there, and Dr. Thurman was guest speaker in the chapel Sunday evening. He is an old friend of Vassar, and it was largely through his efforts that the exchange visit between Howard and Vassar was first arranged.

The program for the week-end included dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Victor Brown, the minister of the chapel and his wife, and a tea Sunday afternoon at the home of president and Mrs. McCracken. The rest of the time was spent touring the campus, getting acquainted with the students, and on Monday morning, visiting classes.

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## Student Youth Conf. Reports

The Third Annual Student Youth Conference was held at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia on November 2, 1941. The members of the Resolution Committee pledged themselves to rally support in various communities after the conference by using the methods discussed below.

Emphasis is to be placed upon the defense of Odell Waller, together with the background of sharecropper exploitations and poll tax discrimination. It was decided that this could best be accomplished through study groups, mass meetings, publicity in the press of colleges and communities and in private conversation. The members of the Committee will endeavor to procure letters, which will be sent to Governor James H. Price at Richmond, Virginia. The necessary funds for such an extensive programme will be raised by taking collections at the meetings and setting aside funds from the treasury of the organization.

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## Interesting Facts

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## The Collegiate World

A. C. P.

"Sleep late, and, let the Mercury Book service return your overnight reserve books to any campus library before 9 A.M."

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## Alpha News . . . Sigma News . . .

## Banquet, etc.

On the evening of November 14, 1941, new officers were installed in Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. One hundred and fifty-eight sweethearts, wives and brothers assembled in Frazier Hall to pay tribute to the retiring president, Arthur F. Carter, and to welcome the new president, William T. Patrick. After enjoying a grand meal, inspiring speeches, and the witty comments of Toastmaster Edward W. Brooke, the group went to the Alpha Fraternity House to conclude the evening's festivities with dancing.

Plans are nearing completion for an Alpha Xmas Basket. The Campus Community will be solicited as well as the members of the organization.

In cooperation with the U.S.O. and the "Keep 'em Smiling" campaign, the chapter is formulating plans to hold a series of parties for brothers in the nearby army camps.

The Annual Coronation Ball will be held on January 26, 1941, in the Lincoln Colonnade. At that time, Beta Chapter will honor its present queen, Miss Nadine Harris, and introduce its next queen to the general campus public.

## Fetes Queen

On November 8, 1941, the members of Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity entertained the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at a luncheon in the Coffee Shoppe of Frazier Hall, prior to the Homecoming Game. The occasion was in honor of Miss Aurelia Johnson, Sigma's queen of last year, who was the Gridiron Queen this year, and Miss Mary Washington, their new queen. It was a pleasant and informal affair, and enjoyed by members of both groups who were not busy arranging their respective floats and attending to other incidental affairs attendant to the parade for the Homecoming Game.

On November 15, 1941, Edwin Sneed, George Moorehead, and Randall James were made neophyte brothers into the fraternity. In their honor, a reception was held by the sponsors of the Crescent Club on December 1, 1941. It was agreed that they enjoyed this phase of their brothers' activities better than any which had occurred during the previous weeks.

All Sigma men are heading for Philadelphia during the Christmas Holidays to attend the twenty-seventh annual convocation of the fraternity. It will be held from December 26th to December 30th. The chapters in Philadelphia are working arduously to make it representative of Sigma conclaves, and as it is being held in such a central locality a large gathering will be there—as indication already show. Life in Philadelphia over the week-end will be made enjoyable with the presence of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority attending their toulé. Joint affairs have been planned.

Immediately upon returning to school after the Christmas Holidays, the Sigma brothers will take part in the Washington phase of fraternal celebration of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. To make the affair representative of the spirit of the occasion, the undergraduate and graduate chapters in the city are joining forces and are preparing an extensive program for the second week in January.

## Zeta Sorority Conducts Tour

Saturday, December 6, at 1:30 P.M. saw the Freshman women of Howard University embarking on a sight-seeing tour given for them by Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

The tour took in first the Filtration plant which adjoins Howard Campus and continued as follows: the Government Printing Office; the City Post Office; the Union Station; Columbus Memorial; the Supreme Court; the Senate Building; the Capitol; Congressional Library; Folger Library; the National Botanical Gardens; Melon Art Gallery; Smithsonian Institute; Departments of Labor and Agriculture; the New Archives Building; Interior Department; Lincoln Memorial Monument; Pan American Building; Red Cross Building; State, War and Navy Buildings; White House; Corcoran Art Gallery; Avenue of Presidents; Legations; Meridian Park; Rock Creek Park, and Walter Reed Hospital.

The girls were given pencils and booklets, outlining the tour, as souvenirs. A variety of candy was served and songs were sung to enliven the trip.

This sight-seeing tour was an

## Deltas to Attend Confab



These four co-eds, the delegates of Alpha Chapter of Delta Sorority, are planning to attend the National Convention in Detroit December 28th-31st. Left to right they are: Kay Lewis, Aurelia Johnson, Mary Jo Green, and Myrtle Thorne.

## MUSIC NOTES

Mary Washington

"What are the 1941 graduates of the Howard University School of Music doing?" is a question which has frequently been asked this year. Well, the majority of them are either studying or teaching, although there is one, Clarence Jones, an organ major, who is sergeant at Camp Lee.

Lawrence Whisonant, one of the most outstanding graduates, is at present, studying voice in New York City with Harold Byrnes, former conductor of the Berlin State Opera, and Mrs. Blackburn, teacher of John C. Thomas. Mr. Byrnes was so favorably impressed with his talents that he is giving him lessons.

During the past summer, Mr. Whisonant played the leading role in Clarence Cameron White's "Ouanga." Lately, he was one of the four guest soloists who appeared with the NBC orchestra, conducted by Stokowski, in Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony." Music critics from New York Times, P.M., and New York Herald-Tribune, praised his performance highly. Sometime during the latter part of December, he is scheduled to appear with Eno Rapee of Radio City Hall. So you can understand why we of the Music School are so proud of Lawrence Whisonant.

Two of the other graduates who are studying are Ruth Logan and Charlotte Wesley, the former in New York, and the latter here at Howard.

Those teaching are Zedekiah Holmes at the Christianburg Industrial Institute of Cambria, Virginia; Ellen Hammond and Elizabeth Banks in Washington, while Clarence Lauson, organist, in Warrington, Pennsylvania. Leviatha Fulcher, a favorite on this campus because of her pleasant personality and organ ability, is now organist at her Church in Norfolk, Virginia, and also has a private studio.

Therefore, you can see that the music graduates are not, as many expect, starving in attics waiting for something but are steadily and surely working toward the attaining of worthwhile goals.

## Sigma Gamma Alpha Kappa Rho Review Alpha Brieis

The initial activity of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority was the participation of its pledges in the annual Homecoming parade of floats.

The next activity was a formal reception for the freshman women which was given in Frazier Hall, Sunday, November 16th. After a short yet entertaining program, refreshments were served which were enjoyed by the many guests. The table was beautifully decorated with the traditional blue and yellow colors of the sorority.

Four weeks ago he pledges of the sorority were going through the greatest tasks of their sorority life, namely, probation.

The following young ladies are now the newest additions to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority: Lorraine Anderson, Martha Bianchi, Rachelle Carroll, Mary Dougherty, Ernestine Gibson, Florence Johnson, Fredericka Lewis, Harriet Doyd, Pauline Nornell, and Jean Spinner.

The Washington Sorors and pledges were honored by the presence of several of their sisters from Baltimore who attended the initiation. The sorors of Alpha

initial one. Alpha Chapter of Zeta Beta Sorority plans to take the girls in groups of ten to any of the buildings in which they are interested.

The girls listed the buildings they would like to visit and the future tours will be planned according to the compiled list.

On Thanksgiving morning, December 20, 1941, the sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority entertained their eleven newly-made neophytes at a breakfast in the dining room of the Hollywood Grill. A delicious breakfast was served in an atmosphere of sisterly fellowship. The new sorors are Pearl Bass, Jane Bowles, Frances Drye, Thelma Friend, Gloria Hayes, Juanita Lacey, Beatrice Martin, Jolietta McCauley, Ruth Simmons, Grace Thompson, and Nerissa Whitlock.

On December 15, Alpha Chapter will sponsor a Bill of Rights Day, the activities of which will culminate in a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the lecture room of the Founder's Library. The speaker for the occasion has not yet been announced.

Phi Chapter appreciated the short visit of their out-of-town sisters and sincerely hope their next visit will be as enjoyable although longer than the last.

The Northeastern Regional was being held this year in Newport News, Virginia, November 28-30th. The delegates from Alpha Phi were Jeanette Hartwell and Evelyn Curby.

As a result of the initiation of these young ladies which took place Saturday, November 22, it is the opinion of the sorors that the above young women will prove to be true and worthy sorors of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

## SANTA'S

## GAB -- BAG

For this coming season's sake us'uns here thought our home base, the College of Liberal Life (Campus Candida) wouldn't mind if we spread out to delve deep down in Santa's bag and see what he has in store for all us curious ones. Who does that leave out? Well, anyhow, we wonder if the promising Doctor "Togo" has forgotten medicine awhile to concentrate on a certain cute little Phillyite . . . as if you didn't know who is meant! . . . Who's the pretty little freshie that's taking the men by storm? Pat Burke, of course! . . . "There's no love like an old love" sings Kay Lewis.

Our heartiest congrats to Justine McNeill. The left-hand third finger sparkler is a whopper! . . . How about a little information please: Could F. Manly possibly have crossed last year's "Baby Dumpling" off her list so quickly? . . . for his frat brother, Jimmie Mitchell? . . . Incidentally, "Herr" Spaulding is coming to the campus these holidays and back in school next semester. Watch out Truth Hall!

## POSTED TO SANTA:

Is Bill Patrick really as unconcerned as he seems over the Harris-Allen romance? . . . Which one of her many suitors will Dot S. accept? . . . Is it true that Bea and Bootsey have turned intellect? Or do they import their love life? (Don't ask us how we know . . . and who would you ask anyhow) . . . Has J. Parker dropped his Junior partner to pick up on his Sophomore admirer? . . . If so, she wonders why?

SOUND FACTS: The Worm-Waldo romance is still A-1 . . . Alluring for every occasion is Florida's prize product, Jerry Pittman . . . H. Lightfoot definitely approves of his triangle affair, or you prove me different. . . . Rudy Simmons certainly received a fine lamp and sorority paddle from down Hampton way.

THROUGH THE TELESCOPE: "Jam-up" play—Bill Davis and Aurelia Johnson . . . Jim Bowman trying not to be around that finger. . . . Royal speculating on if the whole thing wasn't a mistake. . . . Once again Senior R. is with his locked heart.

Ho hum (pardon me). It's getting late, . . . the lights are low . . . the sandwiches all gone . . . time for Santa to be on his way . . . time droops on so slowly, especially if you're near the bottom of the Gab bag and there is no more startling news . . . wait a minute, what's this last item? . . . Well, I'll be—"Ursula P. seems to be "way-back-in" again with her medicine man!!"—Goody, bye now, and Merry Christmas to you!



## COMMERCE CLUB



"New Frontiers in Business" is the Commerce Club's theme of 1941-'42. They are rapidly progressing with Fred Wilkinson as president. The other officers are: Emory Smith, Jr., vice-president; Verdis Weaver, recording secretary; Lilla Seldon, corresponding secretary; Lewis Giles, treasurer; Robert Paul, assistant treasurer, and Kenneth Myers, sergeant-at-arms. Dean West, of Howard's Department of Commerce, has served as their advisor.

## KAPPA ALPHA PSI



Officers of Howard's chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity: Left to right, Ira Crawley, Strategus; George Smith, Vice Polemarch; Randolph Bailey, Polemarch, and Leonard Turner, Keeper of Exchequer. Standing are: Gentry North, Pledge Commissioner; Cortland Bivens, Parliamentarian, and Leon Turner, Keeper of Records.

## PICTURE

Where are they now? Pictured on the right are members of the class of Forty-two as freshmen. Some of them are here now. Where will they go from now? This picture, these people are the crying demand for a BISON year book at our school, for a durable collection of our collegiate day memories. The University Community is called upon for the support of this movement.



## EDIT

for the rebirth of a necessary tradition — for the benefit of '45, '44, '43, and '42.

In a few days you will be approached for your part of this great movement. Campus-wide co-operation will put this treasure in your hands, in your homes for decades to come. We don't have to leave Howard. We can "bring it into our homes."

## KAPPA PLEDGEES (SCROLLERS)



New recruits to the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity: (front row, left to right, back row) Frederick, Gordon, Raymond Jones, Alvin, Barbara, Eugene Bacon, Joseph, Brook, Frost, Roy, William, Robert, Edna, George, and Alvin. (back row) Eugene, Robert, George, and Alvin. (back row) Eugene, Robert, George, and Alvin. (back row) Eugene, Robert, George, and Alvin.

## TRAVELERS



Hats, coats, bags and all these students are strapped as they prepared to leave the campus in the company of Dean and Mrs. Thurman for a trip to the home of educational institution, Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Left to right they are: Mary Crawley, Selena Edwards, Mrs. Thurman and the Deans Sybil Jones, Julia Thompson and Gladys Powell.



## Inquiring Reporter

NO. 1

Question: How do you plan to spend your Christmas vacation?

NERISSA WHITLOCK (Jr.): "I'm going to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Boule in Philadelphia and I hope to have a very lovely time. After that I may go to New York before returning to school."

GRACE THOMPSON (Jr.): "Since my home is very quiet, I plan to spend most of my time in New York City getting my last fling before the boys go off to war."

KAY LEWIS, (Jr.): "I'm going to Detroit to the Delta Convention where I expect to see lots of old friends and maybe trek over to Chicago. Then there's a matter of two term papers, but..."

ELMER WHITING (Soph.): "I'm going home to just have a good time, ending up with a small house party for the last few days of the vacation."

JOSHUA S. WILLIAMS, Jr. (Senior): "I'm planning to spend Christmas at home. Christmas will be different this year since Lois is visiting me."

WILMA CALLOWAY (Frosh): "Going home to see all my relatives. I'm going to all the shows and parties I can get to. I just want to have a good time. About four days before returning to school, I'll start studying for finals."

MERCIE HARRIS (Frosh): "I am planning on spending my time in Detroit, Michigan, Canada, and maybe Cleveland. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas."

JULIAN W. GILES (Senior): "I am going to work in the Post Office, travel to Chicago, Indianapolis, and New Jersey."

PAUL BECKHAM (Frosh): "I am planning to go back home to Indiana and rest. Maybe I'll study a little."

## "V" For Victory Dance Given

"V" for Victory—and that was the timely theme of the dance given November 11th. The beautiful decoration carried out this theme. There were red, white, and blue balloons making the "V" insignia on the walls and suspended directly over a gorgeous throne of white and silver. The guests danced from eight to eleven to the strains of such well known bands as, Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Jimmie Lunceford, then the feature attraction of the evening was presented, the crowning of the Victory Queen who was chosen by secret ballot by the Crandell Hall girls. Who the lucky young lady would be remained a secret until that moment. Then, with the blowing of trumpets amidst the military setting the name of Miss Virginia Fleming was announced. Amidst roars of applause the demure queen took her place on the throne, was crowned by Edmund Gordon, president of the Men's Dormitory Council. Her maids of honors were Angela Jones, Florence Johnson, Gloria Downing, Maivice Winslow, Alice Thompson and Lilla Seldon. After a brief acceptance speech by the Queen there was a Grand March in her honor. The dance continued until 12 o'clock and this ended the enjoyable evening which will never be forgotten by those who attended.

Despite limitation of the freshman class to 330 students, Manhattan College has one of the largest enrollments in her history.

## Law Student Reflects:

# ON GREEK PROBATIONS

By Clarence E. McLeod

Greek letter organizations on Howard's campus are faced today with a golden opportunity to assert themselves as leaders of the general campus community. But for petty differences, this would be done. Thus, it is time that some one

point out a few of the problems and difficulties that exist, which might act as a stimulant for a program to ameliorate the situation.

This writer knows that these groups are plagued with two things, pledging and probation, both of which in theory are important. Yes, too, in practice. Yet, these have been the sources of great evils. The former has caused the splitting of friendships, the growth of disorganization and the latter the punching of courses and even the dropping from school.

### Away With Probation?

So, let's do away with pledging and forget about probation!!!! No, on second thought that would be going too far and make for the destruction of something that has meant something in the past and could regain its prestige in the future. So, let's modify the two and with this article as a guide size up the situation.

To better understand pledging, let's look at the pledge period. As a member of a Greek letter organization, I can say that the period was an enlightening one. I saw the extrovert toned down and the introvert brought out; the science major made to realize by the student of sociology they are only humans at best; the pre-law student takes notice that there is a field of medicine; the potential educator realizes that surrounding him is a cross-section of the possible types he would be faced with in the classroom, etc. It was during the pledge period that I made friends with students in the liberal arts, the music school and the school of engineering. It was then that I was brought to realize that the people in the New England, Southern, Mid-Western and Western states live just about the same. All of which hasn't done any harm.

### Pledging, An Evil

But pledging as a condition precedent to the pledge period, as a practice, has become an evil. It means a haphazard and chaotic scramble for the largest pledge group. It means the button-holing of freshmen and new students. And more dastardly, it means an accepted blind for the oral castration of one group by another and the masking of one organization as the god, or goddess group. Lastly, there is the use of all forms of coercion known to man.

But pledging as a theory is a far cry from the above. It means on one side the offering of membership in an organization to qualified and eligible persons. On the other side it means the making of a choice of one of many groups, after judicious deliberation with one's own position in mind, and the seeking of membership in that chosen body.

### Probation, Evil

As for probation, it has been an evil monster, devouring mid-semester grades as the main course and finals as dessert. It has caused the use of many drop cards and ultimately the dropping from school, in some cases. This beast has played havoc in many instances and in all organizations. These assertions can be averred by making personal queries of those standing behind fraternity and sorority pins, or by the registrar's office, where his records are available to you.

This need not be the tradition and the monster could be caged, and each year at a particular time all the clans of "Greeks" could join in an annual festival, for the enlarging of the tribes and the taunting of the beast. Who knows?? This could be the first animal

of a zoo of such beasts.

And as the youngster said to the old timer, "On the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the dawn of victory, sat down to rest, and resting died." But the old fellow paused, and in a challenging gesture pointed in the direction of an imaginary plain said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

### Probations Could Be Better

Thus probation could be made important as the place where last things are told and learned, not made a harrowing experience. It could serve the purpose of binding friendships with a something stronger than steel and lasting to death. It could be the short concentration period for the applying of the acid test. And with things in an orderly condition, the probation could meet the challenge, "He who shuns the dust of the arena, shall not sit in the shade of the olive tree, nor lounge in the court yard with the more valiant Greeks."

With these things in mind, the next article will attempt to provoke thought, and will be centered around suggested plans for the remedying of the situation, of pledging.

## Women Glee Club

The Women's Glee Club under the direction of Miss Carolyn Grant and accompanied by Miss Coleman of the Music School also, has begun its annual round of concerts. The first one was scheduled for the fifth of December at eight o'clock in the main auditorium of Zion Baptist Church here in the city of Washington. Listed among the numbers on the program was the selection "Pueri Hebraeos," a double chorus. Also on the program, "Listen to the Lambs," beautifully arranged. If we look back a bit over some of the recent programs presented by the group we find that they have sung in our own Rankin Chapel for a Mrs. Bethune program. Also numbered among their appearances is the program presented at the Uline Ice Arena, in which the Male Glee Club of our school took part.

## LAMENT FOR THE MODERN POET

(Sonnet)

By PAUL F. DWIN

Dear poet of a world whose angry sea  
Is urging high the forces that will slay  
Your very talents war and enmity  
These spread their deadly powers day-by-day  
What can withstand these vile and vicious foes?  
How check their floods when they will only rise  
With raging fury to unloose their woes  
The while you drown amid unheeded cries?  
For you must always please your patron king,  
His every fancy and his every want:  
When there is beauty, then to beauty sing;  
But when it seems to mock, he shouts, "Avaunt!"  
Then you, most noble soul, are cast aside  
Into the ebb and flow of worldly tide.

## Omega Psi Phi News

The Omega Banquet was held November 22, 1941, at 8 p.m., in honor of the Omega Neophytes, who are as follows: Joseph Flowers, Robert Bell, Jesse Johnson, Lester Randolph, Calvin Givens, Ernest Wynne, Seth Grant, John Whittier, Coleman Walden, Edgar McDonald, Saunders Middleton, and Elmer Whitting. The banquet was attended by 40 brothers.

The toastmaster for the evening was Joshua Williams. Frederick S. Weaver, editor of the Oracle (the Voice of Omega), introduced the speaker of the evening, Milton T. Gibbs, of New York City, Vice Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi. The program also included original poems by Ernest Wilson and Fraternity songs led by him.

Shelton B. Granger, Dean of Pledges, awarded the John Francis Marshall Scholarship Award to Elmer Whitting. The award is presented annually to the neophyte having the highest scholastic average above "B". Closing remarks were made by Edmund W. Gordon, Basileus of Alpha Chapter.

At the meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, December 4th, the fraternity made plans for brightening the Yuletide Season for the Negroes now in the armed forces of the United States. John Marshall, John Plummer and George Lopez were elected delegates to the thirtieth annual Conclave to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 27 to 30. Mr. Marshall heads the delegation in absence of the Basileus, Edmund Gordon, who is forced home for the holidays for a prospective operation. Other business included nominations by the chapter for the recipient of the National Negro Achievement Award to be presented at the conclave. This award is made annually to the Negro regardless of fraternal affiliations, who has made the most outstanding achievements of the year. Dean Hastie of the H.U. Law School was the recipient in 1939, and Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis received the award in 1940. The announcement of the recipient of one of the undergraduate scholarships was made also at this meeting. Ernest Davis, Vice Basileus and a member of the class of '43, received one of the twenty \$10.00 scholarships awarded by the fraternity every year.

The officers of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity of the Alpha Chapter are: Basileus, Edmund W. Gordon; Vice Basileus, Ernest Davis; Keeper of Finances, Joshua S. Williams; Keeper of Records and Seal, R. Douglas Raiford; Dean of Pledges, Shelton B. Granger; Chairman of Social Committee, John Waters.

## Delta Sorority Entertains Frosh

The Alpha Chapter of Delta Theta Sorority entertained the coeds of the class of '45 at a formal reception on Sunday, December 14, 1941. The reception was held in Truth Hall, which was decorated in lavish splendor.

Miss Doris Reynolds acted as mistress of ceremonies. The program was opened by Miss Ada Bough, president of Alpha Chapter. Miss Camille Nickerson entertained with a few Creole songs. Ada Fisher gave two beautiful interpretive dances; Mary Jo Green presented a humorous monologue; Harriet Pearson introduced a few outstanding Delta on Howard University's campus; and Mary Washington played a selection by Brahms. Mrs. Theodora Daniels, the main speaker of the evening, related the history of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

A delicious repast was served and the reception ended with the charming sorors singing the Delta hymn. In an atmosphere of

## Inquiring Reporter

NO. 2

Question: What do you think of the war situation?

Ans.: SAM WILSON—Senior—203 Cook Hall.

"The present conflict in which we are now involved is quite drastic. We as citizens should comply with all requests of the government for the defense of our country."

ROGER FOSTER—Sophomore—327 Cook Hall.

"The battle has been thrust upon us. We must not evade it, but let us not relinquish our democratic rights in the struggle."

LESTER HEDGEPAATH—Sophomore—123 Cook Hall.

"The United States has been forced in the war should do everything in its power to make the Japs pay for their dastardly act."

DARETT REED—Freshman—431 Cook Hall.

"Japan's move was very unexpected, but now that war has been forced upon us I think that all of us should do our part to win."

WENDEL FREELAND—Freshman—330 Cook Hall.

"The war was indeed a surprise. I can't see why the Japs were not detected by our patrol in the Pacific before they could do any damage."

JOE FLOWERS—Junior—284 Cook Hall.

"I think the war situation is very serious. All of us should do our part to see the United States win the war."

BRUCE RECTOR—Junior—415.

"Since the United States has been forced into war we should do everything to win and preserve democracy."

## A. S. U. News

In its first meeting of the current year, the Howard chapter of the A.S.U. presented as its guest speaker, Dr. Eric Williams, graduate of Oxford, at present, a member of our Political Science Department. Dr. Williams spoke on "The Organization of Society" in which he showed what contribution organization had made to society together with its importance in campus life. One enthusiastic group representing a cross section of our student body attended the affair, and the audience responded in a lively manner to what was said. Richard Bancroft followed with a magnificent speech directed, in the main, towards campus life. A discussion on "Why Negro Students Are Not Interested in Discussions of an Intellectual Nature" was pursued. The meeting held in the lecture room of Founder's Library and presided over by Edgar Praper, ended with a membership drive, the purpose of which was to increase attendance.

The District meeting of the A.S.U. had, as its guest speaker, Mrs. Thelma Dale who chose for her topic, "The Importance of the National Negro Conference," and extended invitations for patronage and attendance. Her speech provided the reorganization of the Chapter divisions making possible better coordination in operation.

## Lampodas

The Lampodas Club of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at its most recent meeting elected officers for the coming semester. They are as follows: President, Russell Robinson; secretary, John Bell; and treasurer, Weldon Fleming. Other officers are George Field, Chairman of the Project Committee and Samuel Mose, Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

Plans are already underway for an extensive program for 1942.

warmth and color, the guests and sorors spent an evening of enjoyment and delight.



## Sports Sketchbook

By D. M.

The football season has ended and the Bison's record shows four wins and three losses. This record shows the weakness of our team because the win column is packed with very weak non-conference teams, Staley, Cheyney and Dover. St. Paul is the C.I.A.A. member which lost every game played this year by scores as great as 33 and 54 to 0 (of course the Bisons defeated them 10 to 6). The year for the Bisons was one typically Howard, especially after the first game when compulsory withdrawal destroyed a powerful eleven. The opening game was a thriller from start to finish, the spectators saw a freshman team take three points to the opponents' 6. After a week's rest, the Bisons journeyed to Shaw, where they were decisively defeated 20 to 6.

Coach Rowland was surprised on his return to the campus to find a new squad of scholastic giants waiting to join the wrecked Bisons. This group was led by William Parks and Patrick, and included such scholars as Eoch Dashiell, Hedgepath, the Whiting Brothers and Isam Wilson. There were many others but those mentioned actually played impressively as the season progressed, although Parks and Patrick were not able to remain.

The team now had many reserves and proceeded to decisively down Staley and Dover. Then came the Hampton Pirates who were surprised by the strength of the Bison defense. The final score was no indication of the closeness of the game. This game was highlighted by Rector's circus catch of Mitchell's pass into the end zone. The Pirates went on to defeat Morgan, C.I.A.A. champions 1940, while the Bisons crushed a formidable St. Paul eleven.

With this impressive record, the Bisons journeyed to the Quaker City for the Turkey Classic. Here they met a Lincoln team that had been defeated by four C.I.A.A. teams and Tukeyes; their record was 5 losses and 1 win, Cheyney. However, the Lions were highly favored to win, as they did, but the Bisons made a very poor showing.

The classic has lost its appeal in spite of the 15,000 fans, it no longer claims the attention of the students and faculty. The attendance was limited to well-wishing alumni, soldiers, Lincoln students

and the Howard cheering squad, greatly augmented for the occasion.

Many players must be credited for their showing throughout the season. The team for the past three seasons has been sparked by Walter "Bubber" Mitchell, speedy triple-threat back. His play in every Lincoln game has been the talk of every sports-writer and player. He has to his credit the distinction of being able to stop the Lions single handedly each year.

Without Mitchell, the score this year might have been 73-0. Another back who distinguished himself is Harvey Banks; his passes were most surprising in the second half of the season, and in the Turkey Day Classic he brought the fans to their feet by his toss to Mitchell on Lincoln's four-yard line. His running mate, "Snooky" Carroll, left the game in the second quarter but had, to that point, played well. He had a most successful year, having piled up 36 points and was never seriously injured, as in the past seasons.

Alfred Gibson, freshman from

## HILLTOP SPORTS SECTION

## WINTER SPORTS DAY FOR FEB. AT VA. STATE

Plans were made for the Winter Sports Day to be held at Virginia State College in February. Activities for the winter play day include: basketball, swimming, with darts as an alternate activity, volley ball, badminton, ping pong, and relays.

All Howard Women are cordially invited to join the W.A.A. now and to participate in one or more intra-mural activities, in preparation for the winter Sports Day.

The Women's Sport Day Association held its annual Fall Sports Day at Hampton Institute, Hampton Virginia, on Saturday, November 8th. Schools represented included Bennett College, Hampton Institute, Howard University, Virginia State College, and North Carolina A. and T. College.

Twenty participants from each school were divided among the four color teams. Since competition is stressed among color teams and not between schools, participants strive to do their best for the blue, red, yellow, or green teams.

The activities which many spectators witnessed included tennis, hockey, speedball, archery, volleyball, badminton, and relays.

After the day's activities, a lovely banquet was held at which time awards to the winning color team of the day were presented the green team. Howard University co-eds on the green team were Beatrice Foster, Beatrice Tyler, Nora Andrews, and Ruth Powell. At the close of the banquet, Sports Day participants were guests at the showing of two moving pictures, "Hampton, Its Program of Education for Life," and the current thriller "Man Hunt."

Howard Sports Day participants included the following: Red team—Cecilia Perry, Bettye Armstrong, Margaret Burr, Ernestine Bell; Blue team—Edna M. McGruder, Ernestine Weaver, Mildred Johnson, Juanita Morrow, Wanda Wilson; Yellow team—Grace Hammond, Virginia Henderson, Delores Johnson, Charlotte Seawell, Dora Curtis, Sadie Freeman; Green team—Beatrice Tyler, Beatrice Foster, Ruth Powell, and Nora Andrews.



Media, Pa., played consistently and should lead many Bison victories before his graduation. On the line, Howard can boast of Rector, Barton, Champion and Hedgepath.

This quartet has been the nucleus of the Bison offense. Big Craig Wesley and Theodore Smith along with "Figer Ross" and Dashiell made the holes for the backs. Mention must be made of Pippin, center extraordinary, and his rival for said position, Isam Wilson, also Lorenzo Harris, a tackle. Ersky Freeman joined the squad very late but was a great asset at all times. Freeman has unusual ability but his work prevented him from participating more regularly. The team had one serious injury, Charlie Bowser, who sustained a broken ankle in the Shaw game.

William Wheeler and John Giles are freshmen to be watched. The prospects for next year are very good, considering that ineligible freshmen will be eligible then, plus the return of the entire squad. Bowser is the only senior. Coach Rowland can expect a squad of over fifty, if the draft does not cut into his ranks.

This department takes the opportunity to extend Christmas Greetings to all friends and the University Community. Heartiest wishes for a prosperous New Year to all. We wish especially for Coach Rowland—a more successful

year. Coach Burr—a surprising basketball team.

Coach Chase—an intramural program, worth mentioning. "Bubber" Mitchell—a powerful Bison line.

Cadet Capt. Bouser—a commission in Uncle Sam's Army. Morton Jeffers—a commission in the Home Guard.

Coach Davis—some citizens who can play speer.

Dr. Eric Williams—more soccer games in which to participate. Marshall Hill—Captaincy of the Bison Quintet.

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